Closed Textile Mills in Rajaathan

1811. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of textile mills lying closed at present in Rajasthan with specific reasons for closure;

(b) what is the number of labour thrown out of employment due to closure; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to reopen *ttie* textile mills and make them viable?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The number of cotton textile mills closed in Rajasthan as on 31st May, 1987, was 5. The reasons for closur$_e$ were financial difficulties, labour trouble/ lock out, disconnection of power due to non-payment et electricity bills, etc.

(b)The number of employees affected by these closures was ',177.

(c) Government have Get up a Nodal Agency to determine whether sick textile mills are potentially viable or not. The Nodal Agency evolves and manages rehabilitation packages in respect of units found to be viable. In addition, Govt, have Bet uP a Textile Modernisation Fund to finance the modernisation needs of textile mills

Pak's Nuclear programme

1812. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Wilt the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what wag U.S. Government's response when Indian Ambassador P. K, Kaul met Under Secretary ot I State Michael Armacost recently to I convey once again India's serious concern over Pakistan's nuclear programe; and

(b) whether the U S- Government gave any indication of its thinking on th$_e$ issue of stopping military aid to Pakistan in accordance with its own laws in view of positive evidence about Pakistan making a nuclear bomb and exposure of two Pakistanis trying to acquir$_e$ illegally bomb-related equipment and materials and smuggling them to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The US Government maintain that US assistance reduces significantly the risk that Pakistan would acquire nuclear weapons. However, in public the US Government has voiced its concerns about the overall nature and direction of Pakistan's nuclear programme and about Pakistan's ongoing unsafe-guatd|ed ut|anium 'enrichment !aoti-vity.

(b) The US Government ha^s only (stated that the US Administration is taking seriously its responsibilities under U.S. law.

Sub committee on restructuring of Handloom Developing schemes

1813. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of the Sub-Committee o$_n$ restructuring of handloom development schemes and programmes;

(b) whether the activity of the Sub-Committee covers both the organised and unorganised sectors of the handloom weavers; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MNISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUVIAR): (a) The Sub-Committee co sisted of the following members: —

(i) Shri S. Narayanan, Commissioner of Handlooms, Govt, of Andhra Pradesh.—Chairman

(ii) Shri P. , Rajagopal Naidu, Member, All In lia Handloom & Handicrafts Boa d.—*Member*

(iii) Shri Kha] d Anwar Ansari, Member, AIHHE—*Member*

(iv) Shri Pi igada Kotaiah, Member, AIHHB —*Member*

(v) Shri S. S Lenka, Director of Handlooms, C rissa — *Member*

(vi) Shri C. * . Roy Chowdhary, Director of Han dooms, Govt, of West Bengal.—A; *ember*

(vii) Shri Ra i Mathur, Director of Handlooms, Govt, of U.P. —*Member*

″ (viii) Shri I. G. Gupta, Director of Handlooms, Govt, of Assam,—*Member*

(ix) Shri Abd 4 Rahim, Director of Handlooms, Ke aki.—*Member*

(x) Shri Mai aswami, Director of Handlooms, Tamil Nadu—*Member*

(xi) Shri A. Desai, Director of Handlooms, Qujarat.—*Member*

(xii) Smt. I anjana Sinha, Jt. Development Commissioner, Office of the Development Commissioner of Handlooms.—*Convenor*

(b) No, Sir. The Sub-Committee had to examine the programmes and schemes for provi iing assistance to weavers covered b/ the State Hand-loom Cooperatives and Corporations.

(c) The main t) rust of the schemes of the Centr; l Government; for the handloom sector is to strengthen the non-exploitati- 'e organisational structure of coope ativeg and Corporations. The Sub-Committee was, therefore, required to examine/evaluate the effectiveness of these schemes and programmes meant for weavers covered by the State Hand-loom Cooperatives and Corporations.

1814. *[Transferred to the* 19th *August,* 1987].

Eve-teasing cases in Delhi

1815. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late there has been* an increase in the incidents of eve-teasing in Delhi; *k

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken *to* check such incidents and with what results;

(c) what is the number of persons arrested for eve-teasing during the period from January to July, 1987 and how do these figures compare with those of 1985 and 1986; and

(d) what punishment has been awarded to the persons arrested on the charge of eve-teasing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The increase in the detected cases of eve-teasing is due to' the special drives launched by the Delhi Police.

(b) To check eve-teasing, police personnel in uniform as well as in plajin clothes are deployed in markets, .main bus stops and girfc§ schools and colleges. Police personnel in plain clothes are also deployed in running buses. Special drives are also conducted from time to time.